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## PATENT APPLICATION

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Issue Date: February 7, 2006

For: PREFORM INLET ARRANGEMENT FOR AN OPTICAL FIBER DRAWING FURNACE, A FURNACE PROVIDED WITH THAT KIND OF INLET ARRANGEMENT, AND A PREFORM EQUIPPED TO CO-OPERATE WITH THAT INLET ARRANGEMENT

### REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

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Verification for the requested correction regarding the foreign priority filing date is indicated on the Declaration and Power of Attorney.

Regarding the filing date of the above-identified application, Applicant submits that the application was filed on **December 26, 2000**. The USPTO concurred. On the Notice to File Missing Parts, the USPTO indicated "**Filing Date Granted**" with a "FILING/RECEIPT DATE" of **12/26/2000**.

On April 5, 2001, Applicant filed a Response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application. However, since this filing was for a non-provisional application and not for a

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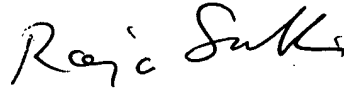
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National Stage application and in conjunction with the fact that the filing date had been granted, April 5, 2001 should not be listed as the filing date.

Since the errors noted are believed to be the fault of the Patent and Trademark Office, we are not enclosing the \$100.00 Certificate of Correction fee. If it is found to be to the contrary, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-4880.

In view of the foregoing, issuance of the Certificate of Correction is respectfully requested.

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